

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 8, 12, 21-28 and 30-37 are pending.

Claims 3, 6, 7, 9-11, 13-20 and 29 have been canceled.

New claims 36-37 find support at page 16, lines 11-23.

No new matter has been added by way of the above-amendment.

In view of the above amendment, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

Conclusion


In view of the above remarks, it is believed that claims are allowable.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Garth M. Dahlen, Ph.D., Esq., Reg. No. 43,575 at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37.C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.14; particularly, extension of time fees.

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